

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

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Pastor Emeritus

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610-688-7890

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610-688-9489

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Stephanie Twohig, Kim O'Neill, Jeanne Mulvanerty, Donna Blumeris, Sarah Bradley, Charles Cognata, Tina Rovito, Kevin Haynes, Ed Kubala, Bill Lehner, Mary Packer, Jeff Walkenhorst

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Angela Kusterbeck, Jeanne Mulvanerty, Richard Craft, Joseph Chott, Rita Tuma

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:30 & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 6:30, 8:00am
Saturday 8:00am

Holy Days

Vigil 6:00pm
6:30 & 8:00am,
12:10 & 7:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays 12:45pm
Please contact the rectory to
make arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married
are asked to contact the parish
priest at least 6 months in
advance.

Sacrament of the Sick

For those who are seriously
ill, aged or infirm, or who are
scheduled for surgery.

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

9:30 AM Janice Coyle
11:30 AM Tony Lopez-Lopez

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

6:30 AM Marie Dooner
8:00 AM Michael Evans

Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 8:30 am Mass today with Benediction starting at 4:30 pm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Peggy Madden Reilly

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

6:30 AM Joseph Havrilla
8:00 AM Rafael Uriguen

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Mark Lorenz

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

8:00 AM Mary and Charles Muldoon
5:00 PM Eileen Downs

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

9:30 AM Ida Marie Higgins
11:30 AM Peggy Reilly

Readings: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

Requests for Prayers Sick Prayer List:

If you wish to have your name or the name of a loved one added to this prayer list, please call or email us. **New names will appear in bold. Other than critical or terminal conditions, the names will remain on this list for 30 days.** Please help us keep our prayer list current by letting us know when the status of a person on the sick list changes. Due to HIPAA laws, parish staff does not know if a parishioner is hospitalized or placed in a nursing home unless someone informs them. If you or a loved one would like the parish nurse or parish priest to visit the home or hospital, please call the rectory to make arrangements.

Joan Beiter	Ginny Jackson	Paula Rudnick
Robert Bruno	Wesley Jones	Dan Sivini
Michael Bushey	Libby Judge	Logan Schweiter
Ryan Carlton	Tony Lopez	Claire Sieracki
Charles Carr	Timothy Mahoney	Greg Schmidt
Jackie Chedeville	Vince Malloy	Jessica Smucker
Nancy DeFelice	John McCabe	Debbie Snyder
Brady Duperreault	Mark Megaw	Maryanne Sullivan
Jamie Lynn Donnelly	Mary Ann Moffitt	Kathleen Ward
Patrick Graham	Madeleine O'Keefe	Jamie Weber
Rosemary Grimm		

Deceased Prayer List:

William Blumeris, Dorothy Orlihowski, Margaret Kozul

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PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 22 January – 28 January 2025

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collections: \$9,753.00
Electronic Giving: \$7,388.00
Tuition: \$363,852.36
Catholic Schools Week: \$9,166.00
Socials/Donations: \$13,169.58
School Subsidy From Other Parishes: \$20,125.00

Other Income: \$5,311.98
Weekly Income: \$428,765.92
YTD Income: \$3,237,921.22

PARISH EXPENSES

Administration Expenses: \$912.19

Other Expenses: \$0.00
Weekly Expenses \$912.19
YTD Expenses: \$2,604,419.41

YTD Balance: \$633,501.81



Pre-Jordan/Baptismal Instruction

If you are having your first child baptized, the Archdiocese requires the parents to attend a Pre-Jordan class. The classes take place at 7:00pm the first Tuesday of the month. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4th. Contact Stephanie Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or by email at sksdre@sksparish.org.

Pray the Rosary

The Rosary group meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in the church, parish center or grotto. Contact Mary Ann Mahoney at 610-324-3437 for more information.

Close-Knit Community

The St Katharine's group of knitters and crocheters meets every Wednesday in the parish center from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. All are welcome to join us in making warm items for the needy. Rides can be arranged. For information, call Marie Rauscher at (610) 608-4447.

Home Visits

Would you like Holy Communion brought to you in your home? Please call the rectory at 610-688-4584.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

In the Book of Exodus, we read about the Lord striking down “every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh sitting on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner in the dungeon, as well as all the firstborn of the animals” (Ex. 12:29). Pharaoh then called Moses and told him to “leave my people at once, you and the Israelites! Go and serve the Lord as you said” (Ex. 12:31). As they left Egypt, God commanded Moses: “Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb among the Israelites, whether of human being or beast, belongs to me” (Ex. 13:2). This was one of the first laws that God commanded his newly-formed nation to follow; it even preceded the Ten Commandments. And so, from that time onward, all observant Jews would sacrifice their firstborn animals and ransom their firstborn son by offering either “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons” (Lv. 12:8). The Feast of the Presentation that we celebrate this weekend began to be observed in the Church in the sixth century. As its liturgy developed, the feast was celebrated devoutly, with solemn blessings and processions and with candles to honor Jesus as Simeon declared him to be “the light to enlighten the Gentiles” (Lk 2:32). Because this feast also marked the required purification of a mother after she had given birth (cf. Lv 12:1-8), it is the custom in some cultures to bless new mothers on 2 February. Since it is celebrated on Sunday only when 2 February occurs on a Sunday, it hasn’t been part of our Sunday celebration since 2020. Allow me to reflect on its significance in Salvation History and for each of us today.

This event in Jesus’ early childhood is reported only in the *Gospel of St. Luke*. He included this event for specific reasons. It appears that Luke wanted his readers to appreciate the fact that Jesus grew up in a family who faithfully observed the Jewish Law. As you read the account, you will notice that Luke remarked five times that the actions of Jesus’ parents were required by law. Even though Jesus would later dispute certain interpretations of the law, his position was not that of an outsider. Being nurtured carefully in Jewish Law helped prepare him to oppose the flawed and hollow practices of some who purported to be leaders of the people in the faith but used the law to their own advantage rather than for the good of the people they were charged to lead back to God.

This first appearance of Jesus in the temple also served to fulfill certain prophecies, like that of Malachi that we read in today’s first reading: “Suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek” (Mal 3:1). Upon his appearance, our Lord would bring purification so that the sacrifices offered by the sons of Levi would be authentic and pleasing to God.

Jesus is described by the author of the *Letter to the Hebrews* in today’s second reading as one like us: “Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them” (Hb 2:14). This letter also anticipates our Lord’s death which will overcome the devil and our slavery to the devil: “through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life” (Hb 2:15). In today’s Gospel, we also hear Simeon speak of the salvific nature of Jesus’ mission: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation” (Lk 2:29). Up to this point, the gospel narrative has reflected the joy of new parents and their child, happily observing the rituals of the law they loved. But, then, Simeon interjects an ominous note: “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted – and you yourself a sword will pierce – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (Lk 2:34-35). Only at great cost would Jesus carry out the purpose for which he was born. Both he and his mother would know suffering. But, that suffering, as Anna the prophetess would affirm, would bring about the redemption of Jerusalem (Luke 2:38) while offering the light of salvation to the gentiles (Luke 2:32).

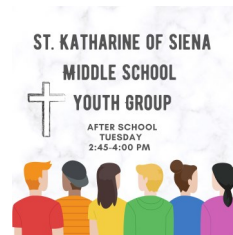
Yes, this is an important feast since it demonstrates both the faithfulness of the Holy Family and offers glimpses into the great work that this little infant, presented in the temple in fulfillment of the Jewish Law, would accomplish for all of humanity. As we continue Ordinary Time, time ordered by God for our salvation, let us reflect on this feast and its meaning for us today. Whenever Jesus, Son of God and son of Mary and Joseph, came to the temple throughout his life, his presence lent purity, his words offered light and life, and, in the end, his once-and-for-all perfect sacrifice would effect the redemption of all of mankind.



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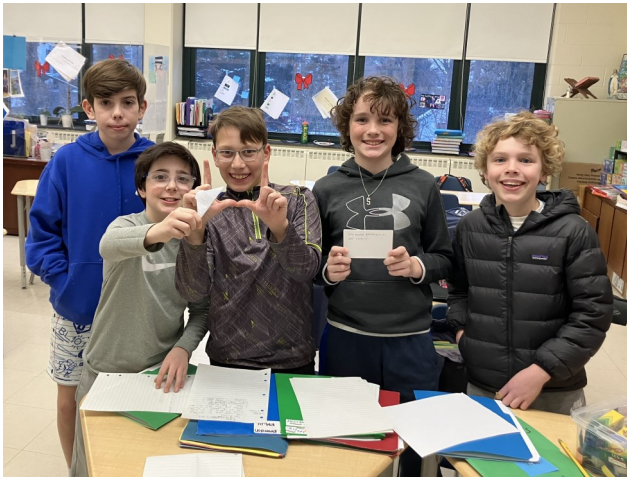
“Thank you” to all the Teens who attended the re-scheduled MLK Day of Service! The teens assembled 75 Jennas Blessing Bags, 100 toiletry bags, 150 snack bags for Catholic Social Services and Mission Youth Philly, 50 sandwiches for St. Patricks in Norristown! (Teens attend Archbishop Carroll, SKS, Radnor High School, Notre Dame and Devon Prep)



The next Middle School Youth Group meets this Tuesday, February 4th from 2:45-4:00 pm in the Parish Center.



Wednesday Prep classes were busy with making 5th grade Catholic Board Games, 2nd grade Joyful Jeopardy and the 5th grade Ten Commandments!



Please help us with our next service project!
St. Agnes Dayroom

We will be assembling "Bags of Love" after the 9:30AM Children's Mass on **Sunday, February 16** for the visitors of St. Agnes Dayroom in West Chester



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- These bags will include:
- Socks
 - Sweet and Salty Treat
 - Beverage
 - Inspirational Message
 - Hand-made card

Feel free to drop off **NEW warm socks** to the school or parish center and leave in the marked bins or **Venmo** us so that we can purchase for the supplies for the service project. **Thanks in advance for your support!!**



Women's Evening of Reflection
Thursday, February 6th
6:30-8:30pm
SKS Church and Parish Center

All women of the parish are welcome to join us as Father Stephen DeLacy (Vicar for the Office for Faith Formation of Youth and Young Adults), brings his grace, wisdom and joy to our February Evening of Reflection. Testimony by Sophia Twohig, Junior, DeSales University, BA in Theater and Minor in Marketing. Please register and bring a friend!

Cost: \$20 and includes dinner. Venmo to @laura-kerr-5 or bring cash. For further information or to RSVP: Laura Kerr evangelization@sksparish.org or Patty Clerkin, pattyclerkin@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be on Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00pm in the parish center.

Mercy Hospice Women's Shelter

Please consider donating the following items to Mercy Hospice:

- Frozen fish (raw or cooked filets)
- Frozen Chicken breasts, thighs (raw or breaded/cooked)
- Frozen Lasagna, Macaroni and Cheese, or Chicken Enchiladas (party size)
- Homemade Casseroles – recipes can be found on our parish website, or make any casserole that has a protein – empty casserole pans are in the freezer area at the back of Parish Center
- Frozen Vegetables
- Sweet Cereals – several boxes of the same kind or bulk sizes are best

Remember, bulk size is most appreciated by the chef who cooks for 40 people at each meal! Drop off your donation in the freezer at the rear of the parish center or in the church library. If donating a homemade casserole, please write the date and type of casserole in Sharpie marker on the side of the pan. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Donations are running low and are VERY appreciated by the staff and residents at Mercy Hospice.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, of St. Katharine of Siena Parish, believe that we have been gifted with life, faith and discipleship. Empowered by Jesus in word and sacrament, we are called to grow in wisdom and grace, fidelity to His Church, and in service to our brothers and sisters.



SERVICE

Caring for Friends
Kim O'Neill
610-688-4584

Athletic Association
Michael Gompers
ad@sksparish.org

Cub Scouts
Jason Botzler
Shawn Sweeney
skspack219@gmail.com

C.A.R.E.S. (Children Are Receiving Extended Care)
Michael Gavin
610-587-7440

Close Knit Community
Marie Rauscher
610-608-4447

Family Promise
Adrienne Carroll
610-905-3583
loveaemail@gmail.com

H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People in Emergencies)
Shauna Munshower
610-688-4348

Knights of Columbus
Tom Reusche
skskofc@gmail.com

Mercy Hospice Casserole Program
Jane Dwyer
610-306-9171
Jane Dooner
610-505-1436

Parish Library
Christine Purkiss
610-202-5360

St. Martin de Porres Outreach
Maria Carrillo
610-357-2392

WORSHIP

Adoration
Maureen Reilly
610-989-3747
Marie Northington
610-687-6498

Adult Altar Servers
Paul and Alicia Peterson
610-989-0277

Altar Servers
Dan Hayes
610-772-7760

Charismatic Prayer Group
Paul Hayes
610-687-8835

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Michele Staves
mcstaves@gmail.com

Church Environment
Amy Tahtabrounian
610-688-3970

Eucharistic Ministers
Patrice Polgar
484-620-2282

Liturgical Music Ministries
Dr. Ted Latham
610-688-9489

Ministers of Hospitality
Janna Forte
484-432-2640

Ministers of the Word (Lectors)
Dan Hayes
610-772-7760

Pre Jordan
Stephanie Twohig
610-688-7890

Rosary Group
Mary Ann Mahoney
610-324-3437

CATECHESIS

Bible Study
Msgr. Brouwers
610-688-4584

Home and School Association
Allison Morris
homeandschool@sksschool.org

Marriage Preparation
Dan and Julie Pijawka
610-247-0582

Parish School
Jeanne Mulvanerty
610-688-5451

P.R.E.P. and P.R.E.P. Board (CCD Advisory Board)
Stephanie Twohig
610-688-7890

Respect Life
skspectlife@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Msgr. Brouwers
610-688-4584

Report Abuse to :

Office of Child and Youth Protection Archdiocese of Philadelphia
888-800-8780
www.archphila.org/protection

Pennsylvania Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-932-0313

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Alcoholics Anonymous
Contact Rectory
610-688-4584

Mothers of Young Children
Caitlin Thompson
816-309-6526
cthom923@gmail.com

Parish Center Reservations
Kim O'Neill
610-688-4584

Walking with Purpose
Maureen Reilly
610-989-3747

Faithful Families
Kate Mallach
215-858-9507

Retrouvaille: Marriage Help
215-766-3944
www.helpourmarriage.org

Gym Reservations
Ben Piazza
215-760-9743

OUT OF PARISH RESOURCES

Archdiocesan Information
215-587-3600

Crisis Pregnancy Line
1-800-CARE-002

Metropolitan Tribunal
215-587-3750

Separated and Divorced Catholics
215-587-0500

If you are interested in learning more about any of the groups call the contact name above or the rectory at 610-688-4584.